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Join NET on Sunday July 27th at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, MA for the 24th annual Day of Triumph. It is always a good show with a variety of Triumph automobiles and usually a few motorcycles from all over New England on display. The \$20 entrance fee also includes access to the Auto Museum.



There will be a Raffle table (please support the club and bring an item for the raffle) and awards will be given for the best in the various classes of Triumphs. The new 2014 design DOT t-shirts and other club regalia will be available for sale.

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New England Triumphs membership dues are \$20.00 per calendar year. They cover expenses such as website hosting, production and mailing of newsletters and special notices, and supplementation of some event costs.

New England Triumphs is an official chapter of:

The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR), dedicated to the history, preservation, and enjoyment of Triumph automobiles. VTR welcomes all Triumph owners. Check their website (www.vtr.org) for membership information.

The Triumph Register of America (TRA), the only national U.S. organization devoted to the TR2-4A series. TRA was established to aid TR2-4A owners in the preservation, maintenance and enjoyment of their classic cars. Check their website (www.triumphregister.com) for membership information.

6-Pack, dedicated to the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of the TR6 and TR250 (www.6-pack.org)

Submissions:

All submissions except classifieds should go to the Editor; classifieds should go to the classified department as shown above. We encourage every member to submit anything they feel might be of interest to club members. We will do our best to include all contributions within the limits of space, time, interest, and our abilities. If you have supporting photos, please submit them. Send electronic submissions via e-mail to stan.foster@hp.com. If you would like to reproduce anything in this newsletter for another publication, please contact the Editor. We ask only that you credit the author and this newsletter as the source.

My trip to the Mltty

By Jeff Gooding

Let me start by saying that reports of my demise have, for the most part, been exaggerated. I was posting some of my adventures last month of my trip down south but for whatever reason I stopped. So as I was saying:

I left my home in Warwick RI on Tuesday April 22 and drove to the town of Front Royal VA, the start of Skyline Drive. It was 470 miles of very boring highway driving. Up early the next morning and headed out on the Skyline Drive. Such a wonderful road, 105 miles through the entire length of the National Park Service's Shenandoah National Park which is in the Blue Ridge Mountains. A good portion of it runs right along the top of a ridge with wonderful vistas on both sides. There are lots of elevation changes and twists and turns, just ideal for driving a little British sports car.



After about three hours I drove off the Skyline Drive right onto the Blue Ridge Parkway. I didn't think the SLD could get any better but

the BRPW might just have it beat. The speed limit on SLD is 35 mph. For most of the drive that was fine but the BRPW is 45 mph which makes a big difference. The Blue Ridge Parkway is 470 miles running from VA down beyond Asheville NC. It was built by the



Works Progress Administration, starting construction in 1935, to keep people working during the depression. We have the pleasure of enjoying it today. Like SLD, a lot of it runs up along the ridges but other times you are down in the valleys. Wherever you are, it's just fantastic driving and viewing. The problem is that I wanted to stop at every scenic overlook to take pictures. After stopping three times I just had to knock it off, I'd never get to my destination! After 105 miles on the SLD and about 330 miles on the BRPW I was detoured off and finally made it to Asheville NC for the night.

Thursday morning I was off for a two hour drive to the legendary Tail of the Dragon. Also known as Deals Gap, this is an 11 mile section of country road that starts in NC and runs into Tennessee. Unlike most other country roads, the Tail has 318 turns on it. Not just turns but switchbacks, big changes of elevations, hairpins and every other kind of driving challenge you can think of! I was going to drive it conservatively but that lasted for about a quarter mile. You can't help zipping around the corners one after another. After completing the north drive I turned around, took the top down and started the drive south. Now that I knew what I was in store for I was ready. Zipping back and forth around the corners as they constantly come at you was very challenging and loads of fun! By this

time there were some professional photographers along the way taking pictures of cars as they go by. No time to look and wave, full concentration on the road. One thing that has to be done on the TOTD, you have to stay in your lane at all times. This is a huge attraction for motorcyclists, and some die on this road every year. You can't see anything as you come around most of the turns. I was there early in the morning and didn't see another car till half way through the run south. I understand that it can become very congested at times.



After that I stopped in at the Tail of the Dragon Motorcycle Resort, had breakfast, bought the tee shirt and I was off to Road Atlanta and the Mitty. Some wonderful back roads brought me to the track at about 3:00. Set up camp, had a few beers, got a good night's sleep and was up early the next morning to watch some vintage racing. I signed up for a track tour, which is another name for "you give me \$50.00 and you get to go on the track for 20 minutes." Sounds good to me! I was at Road Atlanta last year and had gotten out on the track so I knew what it was about. This was supposed to be a relatively low speed drive but as you can imagine, it ain't!



Driving slowly some of the time and just all out for the rest of the time, I felt like the car was turning at 5000 rpm's for most of the time, brakes were screaming, but what fun! After that I started thinking of the long drive back. Last year I did the 15 hours all at once, I wasn't going to do that this year. I packed my tent up and drove 5 hours to Roanoke VA, up the next morning for the 10 hours back to RI. About 2380 miles door to door, car ran great, no rain except for the last 2 hours going through CT and I had a great time.

They say we should drive these old cars so let's get out there and drive them!

Rally 'Round the Quabbin

Speaking of getting out and driving our LBC's, the Quabbin ride, organized by Tony and Diane Rhodes was great fun. There were about 26 cars that came along for the tour. The weather was sunny and a little warm, but there were lots of winding, tree lined roads that provided shady spots along the way. We stopped at the Hardwick winery for some refreshments, then onto a picnic by the Quabbin tower, a photo stop along the shore, and lastly dessert at the Very Berry Frozen Yogurt shop in Belchertown. Check out the NET website and our Facebook page for more details and great photos. Thank you and Well Done, Tony and Diane!

Mid-July to October 2014 Club events and other events of interest

NET events are marked with an asterisk. Event dates and details are subject to change, sometimes at the last minute due to weather forecasts. For club events, be sure to check the calendar on our club website www.newenglandtriumphs.org for the latest information.

Sun Jul 20, 2014 Codman Estate Antique Auto Show

Codman Estate, 34 Codman Road, Lincoln, MA. More than 300 classic and antique vehicles, music, food concessions, family activities and tours of the Codman Estate at the annual Codman Estate Antique Auto Show.

Thu Jul 24, 2014 – Sat Jul 26, 2014 Roadster Factory Summer Party

The Roadster Factory, 328 Killen Road, Armagh, PA. The Roadster Factory's Summer Party includes social and competitive events, an event dinner and outdoor movie, and a car show. See TRF's website for registration forms and more information.

Sat Jul 26, 2014 BCNH Annual Show of Dreams

211 Derry Road (Route 102) Hudson, NH. **Note the new location this year (Hudson, NH).** Featured marques will be glass fibre cars (TVR, Lotus, etc.) Please visit the BCNH website for registration forms and detailed information.

Sun Jul 27, 2014 * Day of Triumph 10am to 2pm (NET event)

The Larz Anderson Auto Museum, 15 Newton Street, Brookline, MA. Our annual event at the Larz Anderson Auto Museum. Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the show. Contact Stan Foster stan.foster@newenglandtriumphs.org

Fri Aug 1, 2014 – Mon Aug 3, 2014 NH Speedway Vintage Racing

Loudon NH. Vintage Racing Celebration. See the New Hampshire Motor Speedway website for more information.

Sun Aug 10, 2014 Antique & Classic Car Show at Smolak Farms

Smolak Farms, 315 South Bradford Street, North Andover, MA. Smolak Farms Antique and Classic Car Show. Music, door prizes, trophies, ice cream, BBQ, Pizza, Popcorn and much more on a 300 acre New England farm.

Thu Aug 28, 2014 – Mon Sep 1, 2014 Lime Rock Historic Festival

Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, CT. Three days of on-track racing of vintage cars driven by some vintage drivers makes this a special event. Car show on Sunday. Several club members go on Saturday just for the day and drive out together early Saturday morning. Tickets can be purchased online at the Lime Rock park website and are cheaper if purchased a few weeks ahead of the event.

Sun Sep 7, 2014 CT Triumph Register Annual Gathering and Picnic

Wickham Park, Manchester, CT Description: The Connecticut Triumph Register's annual British motorcar gathering and picnic.

Tue Sep 9, 2014 - Sun Sep 14, 2014 VTR National Convention

Dobson NC Description: The Vintage Triumph Register (VTR) National Convention Some club members are planning to drive their Triumphs to North Carolina for this event. Contact Bob Lang if you are interested in joining fellow club members on the drive to North Carolina.

Sat Sep 13, 2014 – Sun Sep 14, 2014 Foreign Auto Festival & Antique Aeroplane Show

Owls Head Transportation Museum, Museum Street, Owls Head, ME. Open to all pre-1994 vehicles of any make. Vehicle demonstrations, Model T rides, family activities and more. See the museum's website for more information.

Fri Sep 19, 2014 – Sun Sep 21, 2014 The British Invasion

Stowe, VT. A great multi-day event featuring hundreds of British cars invading the scenic town of Stowe, VT. See the event website for more information. Accommodations in Stowe sell out early for this event. If you plan to go, book a room ASAP.

Sat Sep 27, 2014 * Lobster Tour (NET event)

Stonewall Kitchen, 2 Stonewall Lane, York, ME. One of our great annual events! The event is scheduled a bit later in September than usual to avoid a conflict with the VTR National event. Details are TBD but we usually meet at the Stonewall Kitchen store in York, ME (exit 7 on I-95) at 11:30-ish, leaving at 12:00 sharp on a scenic drive along coastal Maine roads. The tour concludes with dinner at a lobster place (with plenty of other options to choose from for those who prefer something other than lobster). Details will be provided closer to the date. Rain date: Sunday 9/28/2014. Event Organizers: Tom Walling and Wendy Rose.

Sat Oct 4, 2014 * Covered Bridge Tour (NET event)

Central Massachusetts. A tour of covered bridges in central Massachusetts. We did a similar tour a few years ago and had a great day out despite a steady rain. You will be surprised how many covered bridges there are in that part of the state. The tour will conclude with a stop for dinner. Details will be provided closer to the date. Tour organizers: Bob Lang and Linda Cragin.

Thu Oct 9, 2014 – Sun Oct 12, 2014 6-Pack Trials

Oxford Mississippi. The 2014 6-Pack TRials check their website for details. Oh, and check out the photo of the row of TR6s and a 250 in their slideshow...

Fri Oct 10, 2014 CCBCC British Legends Weekend

Heritage Museums & Gardens, Sandwich MA. The Cape Cod British Car Club's annual British Legends Weekend. Parties, Car Tour, and British Vehicle Show: CCBCC's biggest event of the year! Event details can be found here.

Sat Oct 25, 2014 * Fall Rallye (NET event)

Ned and Ellen had so much fun running last fall's Halloween Rallye that they have decided to do it again this year! Details are TBD but the general location will be similar to last year (Littleton, MA). Tour organizers: Ned and Ellen Sparrow.

A note from your Editor... If you attend any of the events listed in the Calendar, please consider emailing me an event report to include in the newsletter. Also if you come across something that you think would interest other Triumph owners, including tech articles, send them too. Email to netriumph@yahoo.com. Thanks, Tricia Gibbs, Editor.

Looking for something? Check out the Classifieds on the NET website. You just might find that part you having been searching for or a special Triumph to fill up that empty space in your heart or your garage. And if you have something to sell, send an email to our Classified Guy, Phil Brzozoski, at pbrzozoski@netscape.net.

New England Triumphs is on Facebook. So far we have 76 Likes to our page. Check us out and join the page to see event photo's, Triumph Trivia and other interesting Triumph related info.

Cape Ann Tour by Pam Delis

Those attending this year's Cape Ann Tour enjoyed beautiful weather for driving. With a great turnout, the tour once again commenced in the parking lot of Friendly's in Gloucester. We welcomed old friends and new and began to enjoy the beautiful scenery along the outer roads of Gloucester and Rockport.

Looping around Gloucester's famous backshore, we faced wide-open ocean vistas with the rugged granite strewn shoreline. From there, we snaked up through the back roads, past marshes with their herons and gulls, into Rockport. Driving by Bearskin Neck delights all as tourists and locals alike stop to point out and wave to the procession. We enjoyed the breathtaking scenery of Rockport's Front and Back beaches before winding through areas of old granite quarries in the northernmost reaches of Cape Ann. All along the way, beautiful lilacs, blossoming trees, and a variety of annuals and perennials lined the roadways.

As we headed back towards the more populous areas, we drove through the serene village of Lanesville, on through Annisquam and into Riverdale where we met back up with the highway. A quick couple of exits later and we were on the tree-lined roads into Essex with its restaurants, the Essex River, and numerous antique shops.

We continued to enjoy the beautiful weather as we headed to Russell Orchards in Ipswich for cider, donuts, and other tempting treats. Chatting under the trees, the group shared their love of driving. The second half of our journey led us through the beautiful farming areas of Ipswich and Hamilton. We came back through narrow roads in West Gloucester and headed to our annual 'watering-hole' at Lobsta' Land. We enjoyed delicious meals and drinks, talked and laughed together for a few hours, then said our 'goodbyes' to this year's Cape Ann Tour.

Movie Night with the New England Triumphs and Friends

Saturday night July 12th was super not just because of the super full moon, but because we had our first NET drive up movie night! Attendees gathered at John Bowe's Shop in Hampstead, NH at dusk and picked out their prime viewing spot. The early feature was the story of how the love affair of the Little British sports car came to be. Dinner of pizza, salad and dessert was enjoyed al fresco. Then onto the feature attraction, "The Italian Job", the original 1969 version starring Michael Caine and some British cars. It was a real cliff hanger! Thanks to John Bowe for hosting!



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